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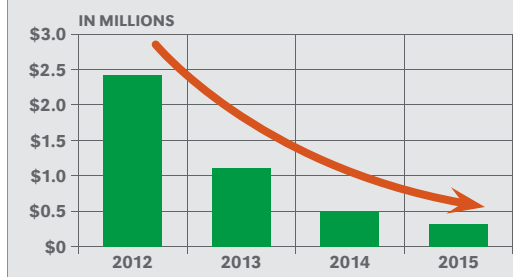
SEPT.-OCT. 2016

Income tax increase to appear on November ballot

*City asking for 0.5 percent increase
First request in 35 years*

Centerville City Council voted at its June 20, 2016 meeting to place a 0.5 percent earned income tax levy on the November 8 ballot. Centerville voters will be asked to approve a modest increase that would raise the Centerville income tax rate from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent. If passed, the tax increase would bring in an estimated \$2.2 million to the City each year. That amount would help the City maintain Police, road and other City services. *Income tax continued on page 2*

OHIO LEGISLATURE HAS REDUCED STATE FUNDING TO CENTERVILLE BY OVER 89% OVER LAST 4 YEARS



House Bill 5, recently passed by the Ohio Legislature, is projected to further reduce Centerville revenues by an additional \$1 million per year beginning in tax year 2016.

Centerville Council wrestles with budget concerns

Already facing a \$3 million State budget cut each year since 2011, Centerville Council has been tightening the City belt by stretching department budgets, increasing employee duties, delaying purchases and repairs and cutting costs, staffing and purchases wherever possible. Council had planned for these budget hits, and over the years the City has been able to hold its own while managing to reduce costs and save money. This 89 percent reduction in State funding—a 25 percent cut to the City's General Fund—has led Council to the unenviable position of looking to the City's reserves to help pay the bills. "We're starting to eat away at our 'Rainy Day Fund', and with the State legislature slashing City funding and more cuts to come, our reserves will be increasingly depleted," said Mayor Brooks Compton. Next year, in 2017, the City will begin to feel the effects of House Bill 5, which is estimated to result in another \$1 million annual loss to Centerville's funds. "Deficit spending is not our goal. We make every effort to give the best value for your tax dollar while sustaining our ability to deliver the exceptional Police, street and other City services that our residents have come to expect," he continued. Because of this immediate need to stabilize funding for City services, voters will be asked on Nov. 8 to decide whether to support a 0.5 percent increase in income tax. The modest increase, if passed, would bring in an estimated \$2.2 million to the City each year—an amount that would help the City maintain current police, road and other vital services.

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With gratitude and honor, the City of Centerville proudly salutes all those who have protected and served.

A warm and cheerful welcome
to these businesses

~ new to Centerville ~

Whispering Prayer

31 W. Franklin Street

Sprint

4449 Feedwire Road

Centerville Body Shop

940 E. Franklin Street

Merchant31

33 W. Franklin Street

The Old Bag of Nails

100 #191 E. Alex-Bell Road

Sunshine Podiatry

6474 Centerville Business Parkway

(Income tax continued from page 1) Council cites ongoing steep State funding cuts as the primary reason for the proposed increase. Over the past five years, Centerville has lost close to \$3 million each year, an 89 percent reduction in State funding—funding that the City will never regain. These cuts have led to a 25 percent reduction in the City's General Fund and a reduction of 30 staff positions. While Centerville continues to tighten its belt by delaying road improvements, cutting positions and stretching budgets, State legislature cuts have slashed funding to the point that immediate action is needed.

Centerville hasn't sought an increase in earned income or real property tax in 35 years. However, in 2017, the City will face additional state cuts with the implementation of House Bill 5, which is estimated to result in another \$1 million annual loss.

The increase in the earned income tax rate would primarily affect people who work in the City of Centerville, regardless of where they live. A majority of Centerville residents work outside of the City limits and are already paying a 2.25 percent or higher earned income tax rate to another city, as income tax funds the city where a person is employed.

One of only two cities in the south Dayton suburbs that does not assess for sidewalk, curb or gutter replacement, Centerville provides outstanding value, while maintaining the second lowest municipal property tax rate of any city in Montgomery County. All financial reports are available at www.centervilleohio.gov.

Centerville under construction

From the Cornerstone of Centerville to Yankee Street, orange barrels and construction equipment are familiar sights around the City.

Look for The Old Bag of Nails Pub to make its first Dayton-area appearance at Cross Pointe Centre. Specializing in fish and chips, sandwiches and craft beers, the restaurant will open soon. And in the northern part of the City, Mike's Car Wash is breaking ground on Far Hills Avenue, just south of N. Village Drive. A second location is planned at 915 S. Main St., the former site of Centerville Car Wash.

With the start of a new school year, Creative World Montessori at Wilmington Pike near E. Alex-Bell Road is now open.

Wilmington Pike improvements ongoing as Cornerstone continues to grow

Cheddar's Casual Café, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Great Clips and Mattress Firm are the latest to open at Cornerstone of Centerville. Construction continues on buildings and infrastructure at the development on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. Panda Express, First Financial Bank and Kroger Marketplace are all under construction. The growing list of restaurants, shops and services open include Cabela's, Costco, Chick-fil-A, At&T, Bagger Dave's, Domino's and 5 Star Nutrition.

Just across the intersection at Whipp Road and Wilmington Pike, the former KFC site underwent a facelift and just opened as Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers.

The second phase of planned improvements on Wilmington Pike are well underway with completion anticipated by spring 2017, however all new travelled lanes and paving should be completed by November 2016. This phase of improvements is from Brown Road to I-675 and includes widening the east side of Wilmington Pike from Dille Drive to Brown Road. Through and turn lanes will be added to the Whipp/Wilmington/Feedwire intersection at the west side of Wilmington at Whipp Road.



Panda Express and Kroger Marketplace are under construction at the Cornerstone of Centerville.

A project to construct the third phase of public improvements within the Cornerstone development is underway. These will serve additional commercial development including Shoppes 3, the area north of Dille Drive. Work is anticipated to be complete by spring 2017 and includes the construction of Village Center Drive, a new street connecting Cornerstone North Blvd. to Wilmington Pike.

New construction to start near Yankee Trace Road construction wrapping up

Construction on The Groves at Yankee Trace, located between Yankee Trace Drive and Paragon Road, is on-hold until a legal decision regarding right-of-way access is made. This site will feature 27 new single-family homes.

Yankee Street widening, from Social Row Road to Winding Green Way, is well underway with completion anticipated by late fall. This joint project between Montgomery County and the City includes widening Yankee Street to provide added capacity and left turn lanes. This project carries County, City and OWPC funding.

Construction news update

To keep up with the latest construction news, sign-up to receive updates at centervilleohio.gov and click "Centerville Construction Updates."

City inspector retires

CJ Thrower, the City's longtime Engineering Inspector, has retired. Mr. Thrower started with the City in 1986, after serving ten years in the Engineering Department with the City of Middletown. Over his 30 years with Centerville, he has inspected new neighborhood developments such as Yankee Trace, Nestle Creek and Cheltenham; new businesses including Kroger Marketplace and Cornerstone of Centerville, and dozens of miles of roadway. Mr. Thrower represented the City to hundreds of contractors and other entities on construction projects within City limits and developed a reputation for quality work. His standards, expectations and experience in road inspection have extended the life of many of our City streets.



CJ Thrower

City residents receive maximum value for their dollars

Uncertain economic times force all of us to take a hard look at our finances and how we spend our money. Centerville residents can be assured that their Council is looking out for their best interests—just as it has for more than 40 years.

Centerville's earned income rate of 1.75 percent hasn't increased since 1981, upon voter approval. The City's annual budget allows for sidewalk, curb and gutter to be upgraded and improved without assessments or any additional cost to the property owner. However, just like home budgets, costs for maintenance and improvements continue to climb, and the City could find itself in a position of "this or that." With continued cuts from the State and dwindling budgets, Council decided to place a modest income tax increase of 0.5 percent on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Centerville offers low taxes, quality services and outstanding fiscal management; in short, residents are getting a lot of bang for their buck. For more information, visit centervilleohio.gov, Quick Links, Financial Report/Summary.

Centerville names new Finance Director and Tax Superintendent

Two City employees have been promoted. Centerville City Manager Greg Horn recently announced the appointment of Jonathan Hudson to the position of Finance Director and Emily Bair as Superintendent of Taxation.

Mr. Hudson had been serving as Assistant Finance Director since 2012. He fills the post vacated by Dr. Steven Hinshaw, who accepted a position with a private school. In addition to managing the Finance Department, Mr. Hudson, a licensed CPA, will be responsible for preparing the City's annual budget, financial report and supervising the Income Tax and Information Technology offices. Prior to his employment with Centerville, Mr. Hudson was employed by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office. He holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting, as well as an MBA from Wright State University.

Mrs. Bair has served since 2009 as the City's assistant superintendent of taxation. She will begin her new duties Sept. 30, upon the retirement of Sue Noe, who has served as Tax Superintendent since 2004. Mrs. Bair will be responsible for collecting taxes, enforcing the tax ordinance, auditing tax returns and answering questions from taxpayers and preparers. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

"We're pleased to have individuals within our organization with the skills and experience Jonathan and Emily bring to these positions," said Greg Horn, city manager. "They have worked very closely with their respective predecessors and are well-qualified to lead our Finance Department and Tax Office."



Jonathan Hudson



Emily Bair

CENTERVILLE'S INCOME TAX: BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ Current income tax rate: **1.75 percent**
- ▶ Increase requested: **0.5 percent**
- ▶ Last time Centerville asked voters for an increase in income tax: **1981, 35 years ago**
- ▶ Amount the tax increase would bring in: **about \$2.2 million each year**
- ▶ Number of area cities that do not assess for sidewalk, curb or gutter replacement: **2** (Centerville and Moraine)
- ▶ Centerville's annual loss since 2008 because of State cuts: **close to \$3 million each year**
- ▶ Reduction in State Funding since 2008: **89 percent**
- ▶ State legislative cuts impact on Centerville's general fund: **25 percent reduction**
- ▶ Number of employee positions the City has cut in the past 9 years: **30**
- ▶ Additional cuts to come: House Bill 5, estimated to result in another **\$1 million annual loss**
- ▶ Number of Centerville residents the increase would affect: **A majority of Centerville residents work outside of the City limits** and are already paying a 2.25 percent or higher earned income tax rate to another city. Income tax funds stay with the city where a person is employed.
- ▶ Centerville's property tax rate: **second lowest municipal property tax rate** of any city in Montgomery County
- ▶ **Centerville reduced its municipal property tax rate in 1998** when a 20-year road levy expired, and voters were not asked to replace or renew the levy.

Businesses should check with City on permit requirements

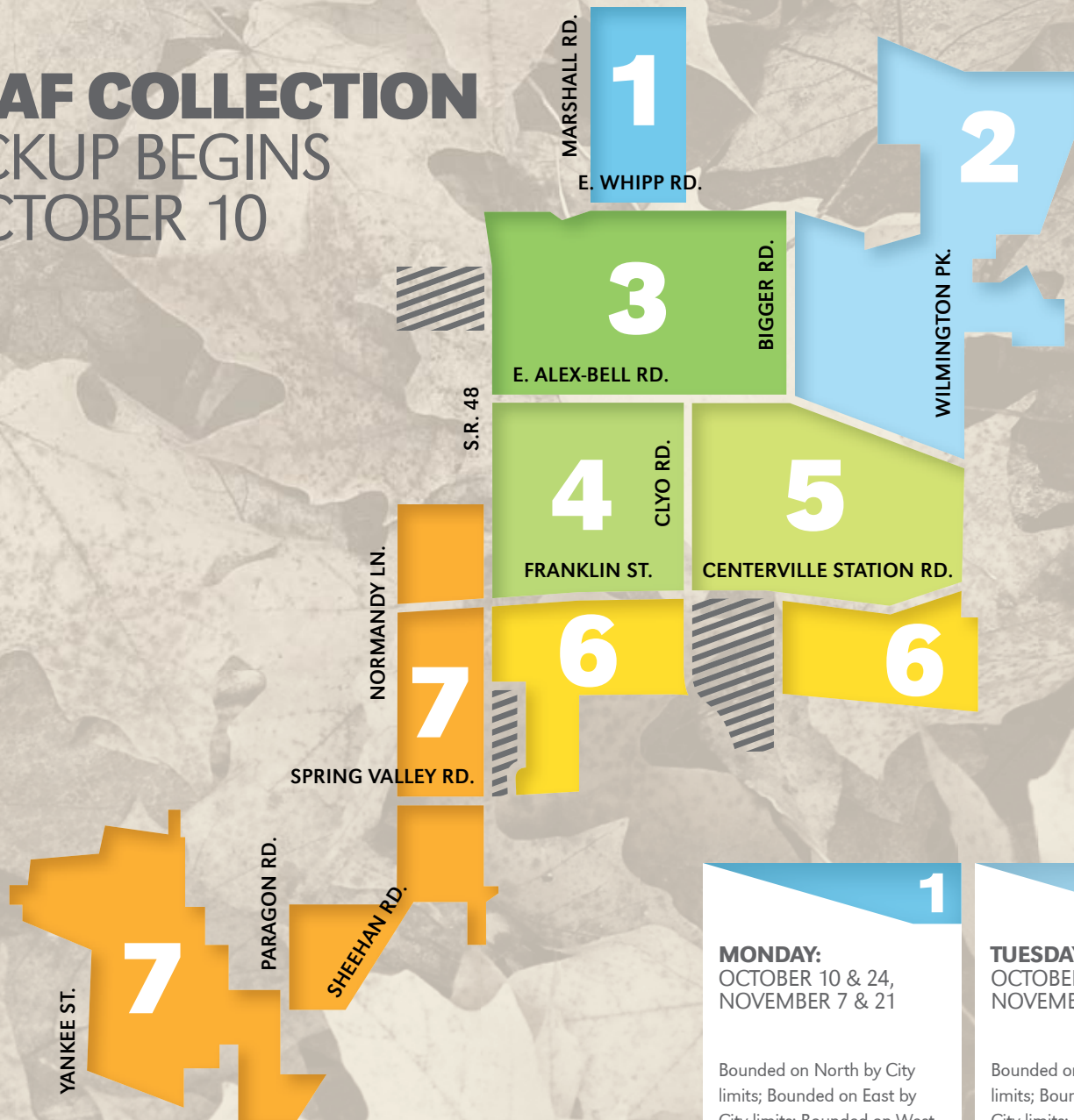
Centerville offers a wide array of economic development assistance, services, resources and programs. Make Centerville City offices your first stop before making any changes to your building or signage. Contact the City before occupying a new tenant space or signing a lease. Permits may be required.

Our professional staff of planners, engineers and inspectors is ready to assist and provide guidance. Visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151 for more information.

LEAF COLLECTION

PICKUP BEGINS

OCTOBER 10



THURSDAY: OCT. 20, NOV. 3 & 17
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

 PRIVATE DRIVE
NO COLLECTION

1

MONDAY:
OCTOBER 10 & 24,
NOVEMBER 7 & 21

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Marshall Rd.; Bounded on South by Whipp Rd.

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TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 11 & 25,
NOVEMBER 8 & 22

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by City limits and Bigger Rd.; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

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WEDNESDAY:
OCTOBER 12 & 26,
NOVEMBER 9 &
MONDAY, NOV. 28

Bounded on North by Whipp Rd. and Hewitt Ave.; Bounded on East by Bigger Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

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THURSDAY:
OCTOBER 13 & 27,
NOVEMBER 10 &
TUESDAY, NOV. 29

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by Clyo Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Franklin St.

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MONDAY:
OCTOBER 17 & 31,
NOVEMBER 14 &
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Clyo Rd.; Bounded on South by Centerville Station Rd.

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TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 18,
NOVEMBER 1 & 15;
THURSDAY, DEC. 1

Bounded on North by E. Franklin St. and Centerville Station Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Main St.; Bounded on South by Spring Valley Rd. and City limits.

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WEDNESDAY:
OCTOBER 19,
NOVEMBER 2 & 16;
MONDAY, DEC. 5

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by Main St.; Bounded on West by City limits; Bounded on South by Sheehan Rd. and City limits; includes Yankee Trace residential areas.

Leaf collection to begin soon

The City's leaf collection service begins Oct. 10 when Public Works crews pick up leaves that residents have raked to the curb. The City is divided into seven collection areas, with leaves scheduled to be collected four times from each area. This program is provided to all residents who live adjacent to a public roadway within Centerville and is a separate service from waste collection. Funding for the leaf collection program comes from the Public Works Streets' Operating Budget.

After collection, leaves are transported to one of several private vendors where they are turned into compost material, which is natural recycling. Crews will be out in full force during leaf pickup along with three refuse trucks with leaf loaders and two vac trucks with leaf boxes. New this year is a one-man leaf vacuum, made possible by a grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. See page 4 for the collection schedule and map.

Residents should use the following guidelines:

- Do not bag leaves. Bags will not be picked up by the leaf collection crews. Bagged leaves will only be collected as a special pickup, and charged accordingly.
- Do not rake ANYTHING except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass, and other yard waste clog machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected.
- Rake leaves into a row along the curb or edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow. Leaves are not collected from private streets or other non-public areas. Residents are asked to keep leaves away from catch basins as they could clog the storm system.
- Rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled—check the map. Depending on weather, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may be running up to two days early or two days late.
- All areas are serviced FOUR times. Every effort will be made to come back and collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.
- Following the last pickup, leaf equipment is modified into dicing equipment; therefore, leaves raked for collection after the last scheduled day will be collected from the curb areas only on a special pickup basis and charged accordingly.
- Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the roadway. Crews cannot see your child—and neither can motorists.

Check the City's website, centervilleohio.gov or call Public Works, 428-4782, with any questions.

City and township reach tentative Fire and EMS agreement

Centerville City Council and the Sugarcreek Township Trustees reached a tentative agreement in August regarding the funding of future Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the Cornerstone of Centerville and those areas of Centerville that are also part of Sugarcreek Township. As part of this tentative agreement and the shared commitment to working together, the Sugarcreek Township Trustees have withdrawn their Fire District Levy from the November ballot. Both parties will be finalizing the remaining details of this agreement over the next several weeks.

Lush lawns, green gardens recognized

The City Beautiful Commission landscape award season is wrapping up. The Commission receives numerous nominations July through early September and each is considered as CBC members scout their zone for that award-worthy landscape that has that little something extra special: curb appeal with a well-maintained structure and hardscape; neatly trimmed grass, bushes, and trees; healthy plant material; and possibly, but not necessarily, a lovely display of flowers. To make a nomination, contact publicworks@centervilleohio.gov or 428-4782.

Congratulations to these residents, whose landscaping was lauded in July. The recipients of the August and September awards will be included in the next Town Crier.

Paula Wildenhaus
6621 Sandyhill Drive

Wayne and Judy Schuler
850 Kentshire Drive

John and Nancy Carter
7906 Southbury Drive

Pat Bethel
175 Weller Avenue

Carol Hamilton
215 Zengel Drive

Ted and Jan Frederick
430 Island Lake Court

Andrew and Kristy Harmon
1258 Water's Edge Drive

Community Pride winner:
Skyline Chili
945 South Main Street



Throughout the summer the City Beautiful Commission recognizes outstanding landscapes like these July award-winners.

Bright lights, beautiful decorations

Start untangling your Christmas lights! The City Beautiful Commission sponsors a Holiday Lighting contest each year to recognize those homes showcasing spectacular lighting, display and other festive decorations that enhance the property. Judging takes place December 1-10. To nominate a display, call 433-7151.

Band to play children's concert

The Centerville Community Band's annual Children's Concert is set for Sunday, Oct. 30 at Benham's Grove. The band will entertain with kid-approved music from "Star Wars" and other favorite tunes. Preshow activities, including face painting, start at

2:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 3 p.m. In addition to sing-alongs and dancing, come in costume for the Halloween parade.

Visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb for membership and schedule.



Children line up for face painting at last year's Community Band concert.

Pay attention to weather sirens

As part of an ongoing effort to be prepared for emergency situations, Centerville and Washington Township staffs train annually and review emergency operations procedures. To test weather sirens, the Fire Department sounds alarms at noon on the first Monday of each month in Centerville and Washington Township. There are 13 strategically-located sirens that give warning that those who are outdoors should seek immediate shelter. The sirens are not meant to alert those who are already indoors. Newer homes are designed with better insulation and typically include multi-paned windows to keep sound out. The Fire Department recommends several ways for you to be notified of weather-related news—at any time—while inside your home:

- ▶ Use a weather monitor or radio
- ▶ Download an emergency weather app on your cell phone
- ▶ Watch the news/listen to the radio for weather updates

When you are alerted of severe weather approaching, remain inside your home and stay away from windows and doors. In case of a citywide emergency, residents are encouraged to listen to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.

Benham's Grove is perfect choice for fall events

Fall is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. While summer is coming to an end, good weather typically continues through October, and the grounds of Benham's Grove are vibrant with fall colors. The holiday season will be here soon, and there's no more festive place than Benham's Grove. With three charming facilities, a gazebo and large covered brick area, the community gathering place offers many options. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.



Trick or Treat Night IS OCTOBER 31

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick-or-treating 6–8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31. The Centerville Police Department reminds youngsters and parents of the following precautions:

DO:

- ▶ Carry a flashlight.
- ▶ Go in groups with at least one adult.
- ▶ Go to houses with the lights on.
- ▶ Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- ▶ Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.
- ▶ Dress for the weather. October brings cooler weather and sometimes windy and rainy conditions.

DON'T:

- ▶ Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking
- ▶ Go into a home of someone you do not know
- ▶ Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult

Children may stop at any Centerville Police cruiser or Washington Township Fire truck for a special treat, courtesy of Bill's Donuts. As always, it is the parents' decision as to whether children should participate in the activity.

Some home maintenance reminders: have a clear path for visitors, trim low hanging branches, and move flowerpots or anything else that might cause someone to trip or fall.

Most area communities have agreed to hold the event on Oct. 31 for the next several years. For more information call 433-7151.

Optimists' haunted trail scares up good times

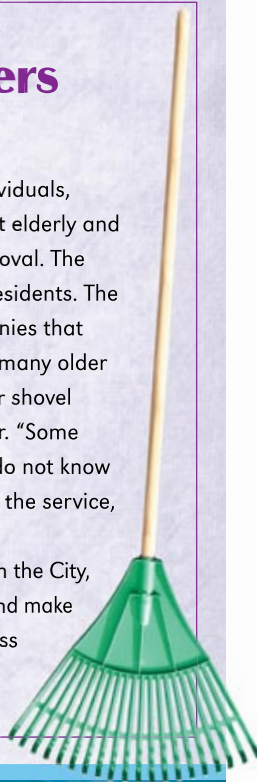
The Haunted Trail is a fun event cosponsored by the Centerville-Washington Park District and the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. Students from local middle schools and Centerville High School dress as ghouls and goblins to "scare" those participating in the one-mile hike. The event is 7:30 p.m.–9 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19 at a new location, Bill Yeck Park. The event is free and open to the public. Visit centervillenoonoptimist.com or cwpcd.org for information.



City looking for volunteers to assist homebound

The City of Centerville is again compiling a list of individuals, groups and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with leaf and snow removal. The list will be maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City will also maintain a list of individuals and companies that perform those services for a fee. "We know there are many older or disabled residents who are unable to rake leaves or shovel their walks," says Greg Horn, Centerville city manager. "Some residents can afford to pay for the service, but often do not know whom they can call. Others may not be able to afford the service, especially if it is an unusually bad winter."

Once residents receive the resource information from the City, it is their responsibility to contact someone from the list and make the necessary arrangements. To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City Offices, 433-7151.



★ ★ ★ Veterans to be honored ★ ★ ★ November 11 ★ ★ ★

In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road.

The service will include color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Centerville Police and Washington Township Fire departments' honor guards. In addition to remarks by Mayor Books Compton and a keynote speaker, there will be musical performances by the Cline 5th grade chorus and Centerville Community Band along with a presentation from Cub Scout Pack 148. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.

The Centerville Library and Centerville-Washington History will hold an exhibit featuring the history of our nation's Army and Veterans Day Open House November 10-12 during library hours. For more information visit wclibrary.info.



Volunteers recognized for service

Centerville volunteers were honored in May at the City's annual Volunteer Salute held at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The event recognizes more than 300 volunteers serving on council-appointed boards and commissions including the Storm Water Review Committee, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, Charter Review Commission, Business Task Force, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, CRA Housing Council, Personnel Appeals Board, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board, along with those serving as CIVIC Municipal volunteers, working with staff in the Police, Public Works, Benham's Grove, Yankee Trace and City offices.

During the event, Mayor Books Compton and City Council acknowledged those reaching a milestone. Five-year pins were presented to Jim Collins, David Blum, Brad Thorp, Dean Christolear, Jon Hazelton, Jim Hinds, Jason Johns, Vickie Kemmerer, Alan Petersen, Barbara Pfeifer, Kevin Von Handorf, Kay Walker, Jeanne Williamson and Judie Woods. Receiving a ten-year service pin were Kendall Clay, Virgil Cruz, Paul Dudding, Carol Echols, Jerry Fansher, Shirley Kroger, Regis Lekan, Frank Masterson, Phil McLaughlin, Jan Prettyman and Michele Soriero. Pat Flood, Louis Bordonaro and Bob Barone were honored for 15 years of service, and Judy Budi was recognized with a 20-year award.

Mary Higgins and Norman Plair were each recognized with a certificate of appreciation from Centerville Council for 30 years of service. Mrs. Higgins has been a longtime volunteer at Benham's Grove and previously served on the City Beautiful Commission as well as maintained the gardens at Walton House Museum. Mr. Plair was appointed to the City's Personnel Appeals Board in 1986, serving several terms as chair. He is also a member of the Charter Review Commission and was a founding member of the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council.

Mayor Compton presented the Mayor's Award for Community Service to Cindy Clay, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the City of Centerville. A volunteer since 1989, Mrs. Clay has held several leadership positions with the Sister City Committee. She is also a volunteer with the Police Department and a member of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

For more about volunteer opportunities, visit centervilleohio.gov.



Members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni gather at the Volunteer Salute.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS RECEPTION SCHEDULED

Voting open September 14-20 for People's Choice

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library teamed up in August for the annual Beyond Point & Shoot digital photo contest. Photographs could be entered in five subject categories: People; Place or Travel: Local Landmark (within Centerville or Washington Township); Nature; and Black & White or Artistic with two age groups: Youth (13 to 17) and Adult (18 and older). Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze, and Ed Ponikwia judged each submitted photo using the following criteria: use of lighting, use of color or contrast, visual impact and use of exposure/focus. In addition, the public may vote on their favorite photo to help select the People's Choice winner. Voting is open September 14-20 at wclibrary.info/photocontest.

The winning photographs will be on exhibit in November with a winner's reception held 5:30-6:30 pm. Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Centerville Police Department Art Gallery, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Awards will be presented at 6 p.m.



Winning photos have visual impact like these past honorees.

Each category's top photo, including People's Choice, will be framed by Gary Kunze of Creation Source Images and then displayed on the gallery walls. The second place photo in each category will be matted and placed in the gallery's display case. The gallery is open 24 hours and exhibits may be viewed at anytime. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Art Gallery showcases variety of mediums

The Centerville Arts Commission has an eclectic lineup for the fall shows scheduled for Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The gallery is staffed 24 hours per day, and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

The work of fine art photographer Derry Cox will be on display in September. Almost all of his work is produced within walking distance of his Centerville home. Cox uses a wide variety of photographic techniques and creates fractal images, fusing mathematics and art. In addition to printing the photos, he also cuts, mats and builds the frames for his work.

The October exhibit will highlight the works of local artist Ken Grody. He makes paintings in oils and pastels and drawings in graphite and charcoal. He has studied in Paris and London, drawing inspiration from many of the old masters' and impressionists' finest works and is a member of the Portrait Society of America, Oil Painters of America and Ohio Plein Air Society.

The November show will feature the work of the Beyond Point and Shoot photo contest winners. (See story above.)

Top left: Work by Derry Cox will be on exhibit in September. Left: October's show features the work of Ken Grody.



Buy fresh, keep it local

Abundance of delicious foods at Farmers Market

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, 2:30-6:30 p.m., each Thursday through the end of October. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats, farm fresh eggs, fresh-baked breads and cookies, fall produce and décor, fresh-cut flowers and other homemade goodies.

New this year, the market will move indoors to the Benham's Grove Barn, 166 N. Main Street, on November 17 and December 15. The winter market hours are 2-4 p.m. Find out more about the market and our vendors at centervillefarmersmarket.com, and become a fan on Facebook.

AMERICANA FESTIVAL CROWDS CONTINUE TO GROW

A little bit of rain throughout the day didn't dampen the 2016 Americana Festival. More than 75,000 people visited downtown Centerville on July 4, enjoying the 5K run, parade, street fair, car show, children's activities, entertainment and lots of food. The fireworks show welcomed thousands more to the high school and surrounding areas. Get involved in Ohio's largest one-day festival and join a great team of volunteers or sign-on as a sponsor by contacting the Americana Festival Office, 433-5898 or email americanafestival@sbcglobal.net.



CENTERVILLE

Kick off the season with Holiday Walk and Tree Lighting events

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, November 20, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and Centerville-Washington History. Participants have the opportunity to win a gift basket valued at more than \$1,000. Step back in time with visits to the Historical Society's Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. Other events include children's activities, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa, shopping, special discounts and food trucks. The Mistletoe Quartet, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, will stroll downtown singing holiday favorites.

Centerville's Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m., at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from the Tower Heights Middle School Chorus and the Centerville Community Band. Santa Claus will make a special appearance.

Both of these community events are free. For more information, call the historical society, 291-2223, the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or visit heartofcenterville.com, centervilleohio.gov or respective Facebook pages.

Top: Children enjoy the crafts at the Asahel Wright House. Bottom: The Benham's Grove staff greets Santa.



GREAT FOOD, GORGEOUS VIEWS,

let's meet at Yankee Trace

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family with a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a friendly atmosphere. And, with Thanksgiving just a couple months away, your family dinner plans are only a reservation away. For more information, call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org.

Menu Service September 1 - December 31

Monday-Friday
11a.m.-2 p.m.

Counter Service only
Daily after 2 p.m.

Sunday Brunch
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fridays September 2-November 18 Fish Fry and Full Dinner Service | 5-9 p.m.

Enjoy all you can eat beer-battered Haddock along with French fries and Yankee Trace's famous coleslaw for \$14.99.

Full menu also available.

Reservations recommended, call 438-3585.

Thanksgiving Buffet Thursday, November 24

Two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

\$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children 6-12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

Longtime community volunteers to receive Founders' award

Celia Elliott and Janet Thobaben—two of our community's Grandest Dames—will receive this year's Community Founders' Award from the Centerville-Washington Foundation at a reception at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace on Sept. 29.

The award was established in 2005 to recognize outstanding service to Centerville and Washington Township.



2016 Community Founders' award recipients Janet Thobaben and Celia Elliott.

The honorees, close friends for decades, together have contributed well over 100 years of volunteer service to the City, Township and various organizations.

Mrs. Elliott, 93, is a member of a pioneer Centerville family, a founding member of Centerville-Washington History and was a 50-year member of the board of directors of the Washington-Centerville Public Library. Mrs. Thobaben, 90, moved to town in 1959 and taught social science and history in Centerville schools before retiring in 1982. She has helped preserve the community's history in many ways. Both are trustees emeriti of Centerville-Washington History, the local historical society. In recognition of their many contributions, they were honored together in 1994 by Shirley Heintz with the Mayor's Award for Community Service.

Founded in 1998, the Centerville-Washington Foundation's grant programs have helped children, seniors, and at-risk populations, as well as provided support to local arts and humanities, conservation and environment, education, health and social service organizations. For more information visit centervillewashingtonfoundation.org.

Golf

It's more than recreation

Since opening in 1995, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace has earned numerous accolades including being named best course in the region for the past 12 years by Dayton Magazine, Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal. The Golf Shop has been recognized by the PGA of America as one of the finest in southern Ohio. Offering 27-holes of championship golf, gorgeous greens and a dual-sided practice facility perfect for honing your golf skills, this top-rated municipal course is located right here in your community. Golf with family, friends or new faces and enjoy a top-notch course. For the latest information on leagues, outings, rates, lessons and specials or to book a tee time, stop in or visit yankeetrace.org.

Seasonal Rates

Green fees fluctuate throughout the year, for current rates visit yankeetrace.org. Centerville residents receive 10 percent off non-discounted green fees, just show your ID.

Reserve a tee time online, up to ten days in advance, and save an additional five percent. Reservations may be made up to seven days in advance by calling the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF (4653).

Golf Instruction Special 4 Private Lessons for \$140

Get a full game analysis so you can come out swinging next spring. Professional instruction is given outdoors or indoors during inclement weather. Video analysis and game improvement drills included. Junior specials are also available throughout the fall and winter, call 438-GOLF for additional info. Great gift idea!

Yankee Gift Cards

These popular gift cards may be redeemed for golf lessons, green fees, golf merchandise and food & beverages and make for the perfect gift for any occasion. Stop by the golf shop or save time and order a Yankee Trace gift card on line at yankeetrace.org.



Yankee Trace staff member Jordan Liddy assists a guest.

Volunteer at Yankee Trace

Come join our family! We have many dedicated citizens who contribute to the success of the golf course by donating a portion of their valuable time. This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include

complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. Limited applications are now available for the 2017 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

The Yankee Trace Tournament Series

Don't miss out on these monthly tournaments that extend the golfing season while you enjoy the scenic autumn view.

The Patriot Cup / Friday, September 2 / \$55 per person

Two Person Teams: 6 holes Best Ball, 6 holes Alternate Shot, 6 holes Scramble. Proceeds Go to "Folds of Honor Scholarships" to assist families of wounded soldiers. 1 p.m. Shotgun Start includes 18 holes, golf car, practice balls, fish fry dinner, awards and optional skins game. Registration deadline: Aug. 29.

Chili Challenge / Friday, October 28 / \$45 per person

Four Person Scramble: Brave the chilly conditions then warm-up with our Yankee Chili dinner! 12 p.m. Shotgun Start includes 18 holes, golf car, practice balls, chili served in a bread bowl, awards and optional skins game. Registration deadline: Oct. 24.

Yankee Turkey Shoot / Friday, November 18 / \$45 per person

Two Person Scramble: Don't chicken out of the last tournament of the year! 12 p.m. Shotgun Start includes 18 holes, golf car, practice balls, turkey dinner, awards and optional skins game. Registration deadline: Nov. 14.

Keep stormwater flowing

All properties have drainage paths to carry surface water and water from downspouts. These drainage paths may be slight swales between properties that carry the water over the ground downstream to the street or to a storm sewer. They may also be a larger open drainage ditch that carries water all the time. Newer developments also have stormwater ponds designed to store water for a set period of time to meet the development requirements of stormwater management. All of these stormwater features—swales, open ditches and ponds—are the property owner's responsibility to maintain. In general, ponds are part of a development's open space and maintenance responsibility falls to the homeowner's association.

As an individual property owner, if you have an open drainage ditch on your property, you are responsible to keep the drainage ditch clear. This means mowing or trimming the path and removing debris including trash, leaves, brush and trees that may grow or fall into and along the ditch. The water must be allowed a clear path to flow. Failure to keep the drainage ditch clear may result in altering the water's path enough to cause damage to your property or your neighbors'. The City's ditch policy states, "Private property owners will continue to be responsible for inspecting and maintaining drainage ways situated on their property and adjoining public right-of-way." Grass clippings, yard debris, paint, oil, etc.—should never be dumped in an open drainageway or storm sewer. Similarly, if a tree falls across a drainageway on your property, you must remove the tree or branches so it does not block water flowing in the ditch and back up on upstream properties. Laws prohibit dumping or blocking open drainageways and violators may be prosecuted. If you observe someone illegally dumping into a storm sewer or a body of water, please notify the City. The City's ditch policy and referenced section of our Property Maintenance Code may be found at centervilleohio.gov or by contacting Public Works—publicworks@centervilleohio.gov or 428-4782. The Ohio EPA has established guidelines regarding illegal dumping in stormwater drainage systems, visit epa.state.oh.us or the City's website.



City partners to stretch local dollars for street improvements

The annual street program is well underway with several projects already 'in the books'. Concrete work included curb, catch basin, sidewalk repair/replacement on streets planned for future asphalt resurfacing. Asphalt resurfacing was completed on streets where concrete work was done in 2015, as well as on streets where Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) installed new water main.

Currently underway is a project on South Johanna Drive to replace deteriorated curb and catch basins, and add underdrain before milling and resurfacing the entire roadway. This project received funding from the Community Development Block Grant program and carries a mid-November 2016 completion date. Traffic is being maintained during the work. Also underway is another MCES water main project on West Ridgeway Drive, from North Main to Normandy Lane. The new water main will be installed this fall and the street will be milled and resurfaced in 2017. The project to install new water main on East Franklin Street, essentially in front of Centerville High School is complete. Funding has been secured to resurface East Franklin from SR 48/Main Street to Clio Road in 2017. These water line and resurfacing projects have been successful in scoring funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and STP Federal funding through MVRPC. Outside funding such as that from OPWC and STP allows local dollars to go farther in replacing and maintaining aging infrastructure.



Street repair and other construction work will be on-going throughout the fall.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Digging into a live electric or gas line may cause injury or worse. Before you dig into the ground, call 811 for utility locations—it's the law! Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) is a free service that will contact utility companies to visit your property to mark their respective underground lines. Then you'll know where to dig to avoid hitting a buried utility line. For more information, visit oups.org.



Don't wait, communicate. Make your emergency plan.

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. Now is the time to talk about being ready and preparing for the unexpected. Prepare in the event an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a grocery store or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue.



Preparing can start with four important steps:

1. Be informed about emergencies that could happen in our community, and identify local sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency
2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
3. Build an emergency supply kit
4. Get involved

By taking these four steps—in particular having an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car—citizens can be prepared for hazards such as power outages and icy roads. Each kit should include basic necessities such as water, food and first aid supplies. Emergency preparedness information is available on the City website, centervilleohio.gov and at ready.gov.

Centerville Police, providing exceptional service

Our nationally accredited Police Department offers many services and programs to residents. From vacation house checks to Neighborhood Watch to the Citizens Police Academy, the Centerville Police Department is always there when needed. Below are just a few programs offered by the department. For more information, visit the Police Department page at centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7661.

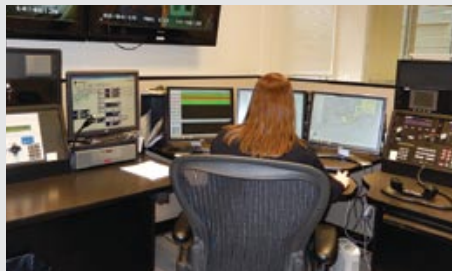
Home and Business Security Assessments

Schedule an appointment with the Community Relations Officer to visit your home or business to inspect its security. The inspection includes checking doors, lights, locks, alarms, and other features of your home. This survey helps identify weaknesses along with recommendations to help strengthen the perimeter of your home, while reducing the opportunity for crime.

Senior Programs

Well Being Call-In

If you, a friend or relative live alone and have a medical issue that requires daily contact, the Centerville Police Department offers a call-in program that ensures daily contact with the department. Residents are required to contact our police dispatch center each morning. If contact has not been received, a police officer will be dispatched to check on the wellbeing of the individual. Residents must maintain a neighbor or friend as a key holder or participate in the Knox Box house key program, a steel locked box that is secured to your house door. In the event of an emergency and/or to check on the resident, access is made to the home to ensure the resident's safety. To participate, call 433-7661.



Participants in the program call in to the dispatch center by a designated time each day.

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver, an electronic tracking system, assists the Police retrieve wandering citizens before they fall victim to the elements, accidents or predators. The program is for those with Alzheimer's or related disease, Autism or Down Syndrome who may wander from their home and become lost. To learn more about the program, contact the Centerville Police Department, 433-7661 or the Washington Township Fire Department, 433-3083.



Dozens of cards and letters supporting the Centerville Police hang in the Roll Call room.

Police appreciate community support

In support of Police Officers throughout the U.S., local citizens are rallying in appreciation of our Centerville Police Department. The department has been overwhelmed with homemade cards, letters and notes of thanks from residents. Churches, families and other groups have provided meals and snacks for our officers. A make-shift memorial in honor of those officers across the country who have made the ultimate sacrifice appeared at the base of the Police Building's flag pole. Chief Bruce Robertson attended the July 18, 2016 Council meeting to express his gratitude for the outpouring of support.



K9 Boris passes away

The Centerville Police Department said good-bye to retired K9 Boris on July 20, 2016 after he lost his fight with a debilitating disease. K9 Boris worked side-by-side with his handler, Sgt. Mike Yoder, for six years before retiring in December 2010. While working, he was regularly seen around town at public demonstrations, tracking suspected criminals and locating illegal narcotics. Just three months shy of turning 14, Boris served the City well and helped keep Centerville a safer community.

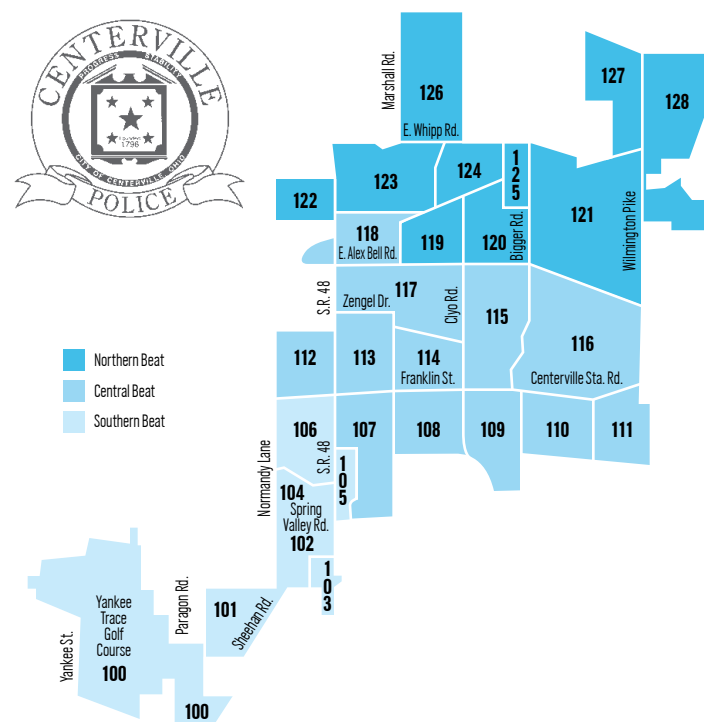
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6 PM-6 AM	1	2	-	1	2	-
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: May-July 2016



The Centerville Police Department welcomed more than 600 visitors to its Open House in July. This annual event provides an opportunity for citizens to meet our officers and learn more about what they do each day. Events included tours of the facility, demonstrations, inflatables, an obstacle course, exhibits and displays featuring CareFlight, SWAT and other agencies.

May 16, 2016

Mayor Compton welcomed Pastor Kirk Lithander, Fairhaven Church, to give the invocation.

Volunteers from Fairhaven Church were thanked and recognized for their efforts throughout the City including mulching and park clean-up.

Kirk Lithander, outreach pastor at Fairhaven Church, shared information about the Circles program and introduced Joy Barnhill, a Circles team leader.

Christine Smart, Centerville Police staff services coordinator, was recognized for receiving the John P. Kalaman Respect for Law Award from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club.

Joe Greenwell, of Boy Scout Troop 316, was recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Chris Papakirk was sworn in as a member of the Board of Architectural Review.

The following reappointments were made:

- Phil McLaughlin to the Sister City Committee
- Frank Masterson to the Personnel Appeals Board
- Richard Hoback to the Board of Architectural Review
- Jim Gallagher to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

June 6, 2016 (Special Council Meeting)

Council passed an ordinance to allow for an amendment to provide for an increase in the income tax rate upon voter approval.

Ginny Strausburg was reappointed as chair of the Arts Commission.

June 20, 2016

Mayor Compton welcomed Pastor Mike Castle, Harmony Creek Church, to give the invocation.



Mayor Compton congratulates members of Forte.

Ben Spalding, Centerville High School choral director, and members of Forte were recognized for winning the 2016 International Championship of High School A Cappella competition.

Centerville High School students Bobby Hughes, Brian Schutter and Lizzie Harden along with their advisor, Jeri Neidhard, were recognized for reaching the national competition of the 2016 National Speech and Debate Association.

Don and Edyth Aukerman received the Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award, presented by Ed Ross, BAR vice chair, in recognition of the Aukermans' preservation of their home on S. Main Street.

Council proclaimed June as Scleroderma Awareness Month. Demeshia Trice, Scleroderma Awareness representative, spoke about the disease and the group's upcoming events.

Centerville Lions representatives Amy Gephart, president, and Ed Thornhill, treasurer, gave Council an update on the club's activities.

Council recognized and thanked Centerville's Finance Director, Dr. Steven Hinshaw, who has taken a position with a local private school. Dr. Hinshaw has been with Centerville for more than seven years.



Centerville Lions club members Ed Thornhill and Amy Gephart

David Blum and Gina Tollefson were reappointed to the Board of Tax Appeals.

Carolyn Basford was reappointed to the Sister City Committee.

Council approved placing a 0.5 percent increase to the income tax rate on the Nov. 8 ballot.

July 11, 2016 (Special Council Meeting)

Council passed an ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance to rezone 3.22 acres at 9240 Yankee Street from Agricultural and Single-Family residential with a Lifestyle Community Overlay Zone to Residential Planned Development.

July 18, 2016

Mayor Compton welcomed Barb Hancock, Baha'i Faith, to present the invocation.

Girl Scout Troop 34506, from Incarnation School, presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Briggs received a certificate of appreciation for his 16 years of service to the City's Planning Commission.

David Zimmer, of Boy Scout Troop 767 from Dayton Christian School, was recognized for achieving Eagle Scout.

Sean Dwyer, with the Dwyer School of Irish Dance, was recognized for being the highest placing dancer (5th) from North America in the under 13 category at the 2016 World Championship Irish Dance Competition in Scotland.

Council proclaimed September 1–30 as Feed Ohio Month.

To view City Council meetings, visit centervilleohio.gov and click the video icon at the top of the page. Following each Council meeting, Mayor Brooks Compton tapes a summary of the meeting, available on Time Warner Channel 5 as well as the City's Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Mayor's Message from Brooks Compton



From left: Council member JoAnne Rau, Mayor Brooks Compton along with Council members John Palcher and Bill Serr, give away cotton candy during the Police Open House.

Pools are closed, neighborhoods are quiet, and kids are back in school. Summer in Centerville has come to an end. Wow. Summer sure went by fast!

The summer of 2016 saw many exciting community activities and events and also saw your City Council take the necessary steps to secure Centerville's future.

Americana, as always, was a great celebration of our nation's birth. A little damp weather did not discourage tens of thousands from enjoying what Centerville has to offer at the largest and best July 4th celebration in Ohio. Thanks to all who dedicated so much time to this event.

The Centerville Arts Commission's Summer Concert Series at Stubbs Park provided quality entertainment for large crowds every week. Sunday and an occasional Saturday (Elvis does not work on Sundays) at Stubbs during the summer is a tradition all of Centerville looks forward to. Thanks to the members of the Centerville Arts Commission.

The Centerville Police Department held its Open House July 30 and welcomed a large crowd for this annual event. Centerville's finest, along with the volunteers of the Centerville Police Academy Alumni Association, escorted hundreds through the corridors of the CPD to show and discuss police safety training, cruisers and equipment, fire arms training, our local 911 dispatch and communications center, detective and officer offices, investigative techniques and tools, safety information for homes and neighborhoods, and a demonstration from our K9 officer and Bobo, CPD's four-legged officer.

Your Centerville Police Department again achieved national accreditation and remains one of the few nationally to continue to meet the highest standards of police service and protection to their City. An honor well deserved.

This summer saw a heartwarming outpouring of support for the CPD. You made it clear that our citizens value the quality and dedication of our entire Police Department—from support personnel to Centerville's own 24-hour/7 days a week 911 dispatch center to the officers, detectives and Chief—great work CPD, we respect and are proud and appreciative of what you do for Centerville.

Summer also brought road work throughout Centerville. Public Works is working to minimize the inconvenience of road improvements as our annual streets program wraps up in the early fall.

This summer also saw your City Council take action to place on the November 8 ballot, a 0.5 percent earned income tax increase (the first request for increase in 35 years) needed to continue to

provide the monies necessary to maintain our excellent Police Department and local 911 dispatch, along with the need to maintain and upgrade our roads, pedestrian paths and bikeways.

Centerville Council resisted a tax increase for years by implementing cost-saving actions through budget cuts, staffing levels and financial planning, but has recognized that these actions were not going to be enough. State legislature implemented changes—with unfortunately more to come—will lead to a loss of approximately \$4 million annually to Centerville. These continued losses demanded that Council be responsible and therefore request a modest increase to maintain the services our residents have come to expect. The proposed increase would bring in an additional \$2.2 million annually which would assist with Police, streets, and pedestrian paths and bikeways costs. Our proposed earned income tax rate of 2.25 percent would bring Centerville level to—or still lower than—our surrounding municipalities in Montgomery County. Centerville's real estate tax will not increase and remains the second lowest municipal property tax rate of any city in Montgomery County. Council encourages and welcomes your support of this much needed modest increase.

I am pleased to report that summer saw new business activity. In early August, Creative World of Child Care opened its new Montessori and Inspire Center, a beautiful facility. Cornerstone of Centerville brought us the opening of Cabela's, Wright-Patt Credit Union, other fine retail and service shops and the much anticipated Cheddar's restaurant. Cornerstone has created hundreds of new Centerville jobs, and our City continues to coordinate and manage road improvement programs necessary for the increased activity along this entryway into Centerville. Our Planning Commission, Planning staff, Public Works Department and the developer are all to be commended for their hard work in making Centerville quality at Cornerstone a reality. Look for exciting new features with development of the Village Center, park land and residential housing.

New developments throughout the City show that businesses and residential builders recognize that Centerville is a great place to be. Excellent schools, parks, libraries and a responsible and prudent City government keep Centerville a great place to live, work and raise a family. Thank you for your support. Now, enjoy this beautiful fall season in Centerville.

Brooks A. Compton

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City Council7:30 p.m., third MON. monthly
Board of Architectural Review...7:30 p.m., first TUE. monthly
City Planning Commission.....7:30 p.m., last TUE. monthly
Centerville Arts Commission.....7 p.m., first WED. monthly
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals
& Property Review Commission.....At the call of chairperson

Public Meetings at the Public Works Center

7970 S. Suburban Road
City Beautiful Commission.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road
Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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City Planning staff counts traffic

As part of an on-going effort to learn more about our City and how it works, the City Planning staff is placing and removing temporary magnetic traffic counters at over 40 locations throughout the City. These counters use a very weak magnetic field to measure the frequency, type and speed of each vehicle as it passes over the counter by sensing the vehicle's metal structure. The counters are not designed to collect any kind of identifying information (such as license plate numbers) nor can they be used for speed enforcement. They are an easier system to deploy for counting the frequency and speed of vehicles than the traditional tube counters drivers may have seen in the past.



Centerville planners take to the streets to count traffic.

Counts were taken primarily on major arterial and collector streets, though some local streets were counted as well. Traffic counting is an important tool to understand how our roadways are used by the public so your tax dollars can be spent efficiently and effectively to maximize the lifespan of our road network. As always, if you come upon anyone wearing a protective vest working in or near the roadway, please proceed with caution to ensure everyone's safety.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5** (Labor Day) City Offices closed, waste collection one day behind schedule
- 19** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting

OCTOBER

Leaf Collection begins, runs eight weeks

- 17** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting
- 31** 6-8 p.m. Trick of Treat Night

WEEKLY

Farmers Market: 2:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday through October 27
Brush drop-off: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works Center

MONTHLY

Brush drop-off: 9 a.m.-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works Center

For more information, visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

City holiday schedule

City Offices will close on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. Waste collection will run one day behind schedule that week.

City Offices will maintain a regular schedule on Columbus Day, Oct. 10.

TOWN CRIER



THE CLUBS, CARRY, CAPS & CLEATS SALE

- All 2016 golf clubs - **20% off**
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